

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated January 28, 2003, claims 1-16 are noted as pending. Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Gephardt et al., European patent application 0676686 (Hereinafter referred to as "Gephardt"). Please cancel claims 13-16. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

Gephardt does not disclose "asserting an edge-triggered interrupt signal from an input/output interrupt controller to a local interrupt controller within a processor" (emphasis added) as claimed in claim 1. Gephardt discloses one interrupt controller located in the integrated processor 202. Therefore, claim 1 is not anticipated by the Gephardt reference.

The comments above in connection with claim 1 are also applicable to independent claims 5 and 9. For these reasons, claims 1-12 are not anticipated by Gephardt.

CONCLUSION:

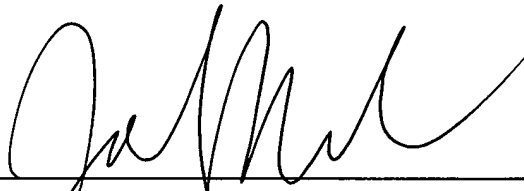
In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 1-12 are distinguished over the cited art and are in condition for allowance. Allowance of claims 1-12 is respectfully requested.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AUTHORIZATION

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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